



# The New Castle Crier

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Separation Day

Fireworks

Sat., June 12th

(see info below)

## City News

The next Regular City Council meeting

is 7 p.m.,

Tues., June 8th

Via Zoom Conferencing

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City Offices will be closed Mon., May 31st in observance of Memorial Day

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Revised Trash Pick-up Schedule

Regular Pick-Up Revised Pick-Up

Mon., May 31 Tues., June 1

Tues., June 1 Wed., June 2

Thurs., June 3rd Yard Waste

Fri., June 4th

Citywide Recycle



### Separation Day Fireworks

While most of the Separation Day activities are cancelled for this year the City is excited to continue our tradition of Separation Day Fireworks on Saturday, June 12th at 9:30 pm.

The Fireworks will be held in Battery Park. More details to follow; please check the City website and Facebook page for updates.

### Summer Garden Contest



In lieu of A Day in Old New Castle, the New Castle Community Partnership is sponsoring a Summer Garden Contest. The contest is open to gardens within the New Castle City limits. Prizes will be awarded for the top voted gardens in several categories. Participants must register between April 25th-May 25th. Registration forms can be found at the New Castle Court House Museum, Tue-Sat 10am-3:30pm, New Castle Public Library during open hours, or online at [www.historicnewcastle.com](http://www.historicnewcastle.com).

A \$5.00 registration fee must

accompany registration. Completed forms with fee can be dropped off at the Court House or Library during open hours. The deadline for registration is May 25th. Judging will occur during the week of May 30th with the winners announced on June 5, 2021. For more info. call the Court House at 323-4453.

### New Castle Historical Society

Take a guided walking tour of the New Castle Historic District and learn about the history, architecture and people of Delaware's first capitol.

Tours are offered every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Noon and 2:00 p.m. They begin at the New Castle Visitor Center at the Arsenal, and cover several blocks between The Strand and Fourth Street. Group size is limited to 10 people per tour.

Cost: \$5.00 adults; \$3.00 children ages 6-12; (NCHS Members and children 5 and under are free). Reservations are required. Call 302-322-2794 to schedule your tour.



### City of New Castle Home Repair Assistance Program Dates and Parameters have been Expanded

The City of New Castle Home Repair Assistance Program was initially approved by City Council in September of 2020 to run through March 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. The program is funded by the Trustees of the New Castle Common, and administered by the City of New Castle.

Originally residents of the City could get help with repairs to their roof or sidewalk, only. The program now allows for repairs to sidewalks, roofs, and any other repair to the outside of an owners residence. The deadline for the program has been extended until March 31, 2022.

### Qualification for receipt of funds:

- Qualified properties must be owner occupied.
- At least one owner must be 65 years of age and older, or permanently disabled.
- Property owners will execute a deferred payment agreement calling for repayment of funds to the City when property is sold or title is otherwise transferred.
- Income limits: No more than \$15,000 / year of income for a single occupant - \$30,000 for a married couple - This does not include Social Security income.
- Maximum funding amount \$2,500 / property.

Call the City Office for details, 302-322-9801.

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## Trustees Announce Annual Education Grant Fund

The "Trustees of New Castle Common Education Grant Fund" was established in 1983 for eligible residents of the City New Castle. An applicant must be a senior in high school or a recent high school graduate who is entering freshman year in an accredited undergraduate college or university as a **full-time** student in the coming September.

The grants are awarded to full-time residents of the City of New Castle. High school seniors must provide an acceptance letter from a college or university in order to be considered for the Grant. If the applicant is a dependent, the parent must be a resident of the City of New Castle.

Funded applicants from previous years **who continue to be a student in good standing** are invited to reapply.

Application packets are available from the Trustees of New Castle Commons, 201 Delaware Street, New Castle or online at [trusteesncc.org](http://trusteesncc.org). Please call 322-2809 with any questions about the process or about residency in the City of New Castle.

**Please note the application and necessary information must be received by the Education Grant Committee no later than July 1, 2021.**



## The Municipal Services Commission Hires a New General Manager

With the pending departure of Pamela Patone, the Commission posted a job opening for the General Manager position and received over 35 applicants. After interviewing several candidates, the Commissioners chose Scott Blomquist to become the new General Manager. Scott has worked for the MSC for the past 11 years as the Electric Utility Manager. He is a master electrician and has numerous years of experience in the electric utility industry prior to his tenure with the MSC.

Scott currently lives in Elkton, MD with his wife and six children. Pamela Patone said Scott will make a positive transition to his new position having worked closely with MSC's personnel, the Commissioners and other agencies such as Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) over the past years.

The Commissioners interviewed a range of candidates for the General Manager's position but felt Scott would bring the continuity necessary to maintain the MSC's mission. Most residents of New Castle already know Scott, so when you see him around the City please congratulate him on his new role.



The New Castle City Police would like to remind residents to call 911 or the NCC Dispatch non-emergency number if you need an officer.

If you need an officer to respond immediately or see a crime in progress call 911. Having calls go through the dispatch will make sure that you get help as soon as possible.

- Dial 911 - Police, Fire, or Medical Emergency
- 573-2800 - Non- Emergency Dispatch (police response needed\*)  
\*City and/or County Police will be dispatched as available.
- 322-9800 - City Police Station, Non-Emergency calls and General police questions or information.

The New Castle City Police have a new website and Facebook page. Events are shared in real time as much as possible on their Facebook page, and residents are encouraged to follow them on Facebook, and share their website.

## Dining in the Street is moving to September

Mark Your Calendar

Dining in the Street will return this year, but has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 2nd, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The rain date is September 16th. Watch the newsletter and the City website for updates so you don't miss this fun event.



This event benefits the New Castle Senior Center.

**Saturday, May 22nd, 9:00 a.m.** New Castle City Police will be on the Markel Trail where it crosses Delaware Street with free Bike Registration, ProtechDNA Anti-Theft Labels and information on Bicycle Safety and Delaware Bicycle LawsGood.



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